

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE BOROUGH OF LISKEARD.

TO THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE
CORPORATION OF THE BOROUGH OF LISKEARD.

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year 1940.

At the request of the Ministry of Health this report is confined to essential and urgent matters concerning the general public health for the year in question.

The most outstanding event was the arrival in the Borough of five hundred and eighty-two school children, who were evacuated from London districts, and billeted in this Town under the Government Evacuation Scheme, ~~in many cases with their Mothers.~~ A large dwellinghouse, Kilmar House, was requisitioned as a Hostel for certain children who suffered from various disabilities, which rendered them difficult to billet in private houses.

The Town Council, and the Liskeard Rural District Council, decided to co-operate in this matter of unbilleteable children, and two other houses in the Rural District were also requisitioned and equipped as Hostels.

There are therefore, three hostels for suitable cases in these two combined districts.

It was decided that Kilmar House should be used for cases of Enureses, and that the other hostels should take sufferers from skin complaints. These provisions were justified and on arrival, affected cases were sorted out and sent to the hostel which had been ear-marked for the complaint in question.

The Town Council had decided to insist on various improvements in the local Slaughter Houses.

Owing to War Conditions and the rationing of Meat, however, these Slaughter Houses were taken over by the Meat Department of the Ministry of Food and several alterations have been carried out, but there is still room for considerable improvement.

With this increase of population one views with apprehension the probability of an increase in the number of Infectious and Contagious complaints. There is absolutely no provision for the local isolation and treatment of notifiable Infectious Diseases.

The work in connection with the new Water Scheme was completed this year. Liskeard now has a very up-to-date Filtration and Chlorination Plant, which should provide a safe and plentiful supply of pure water.

Statistics & Social Conditions.

Area of the Borough	2704 acres.
The Registrar General's estimate of the resident population 1940.	4497.
No. of Inhabited Houses.	1225.
Rateable Value of the Borough.	£30,344.
The sum represented by a Penny Rate.	£122. 12. 11d.

Vital Statistics.

<u>Live Births.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
	100	48	52.
Legitimate	92	47	45.
Illegitimate	8	1	7.

Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population 16.9.

Birth Rate for England & Wales 14.6.

<u>Deaths.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
	61	20	41.

Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated Resident population, 1940. 10.17.

Death Rate for England & Wales. 14.3.

5 Residents died in districts outside the Borough during 1940.

Deaths from Puerperal Causes :-

- (a) Puerperal Sepsis Nil.
- (b) Other Puerperal Causes Nil.

Death Rate of Infants under One year of age:-

- (1) All infants per 1,000 live births. 20.
- (2) Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births 20.
- (3) Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births Nil.

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	9.
do do Measles do	Nil.
do do Whooping Cough (all ages)	Nil.
do do Diarrhoea under 2 years of age	Nil.

Tuberculosis.

Age / Periods.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2	1	-	-	-	1	-	-

Notifiable Diseases (other than
Tuberculosis) during the year 1940

Disease.	Total cases Notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Smallpox.	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever.	4.	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	-.	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	2.	-	-
Pneumonia	4.	-	-
Whooping Cough.	2.	-	-
Erysipelas.	2.	-	-
Measles.	12.	-	-

The General Health for the year 1940 has been very good and I have nothing else to call to your notice.

Yours faithfully,

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Borough of Liskeard.

